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Reviews the Annual Administration Report of the Prisons Department in the State of Mysore for the calendar year 1965.

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Letter No. AAR/68, dated 15th May 1968 from the Inspector General of Prisons, Bangalore.

ORDER No. HD 25 PRA 68, DATED BANGALORE, THE 19TH DECEMBER 1968.

1. Recorded.

2. *Direction.*—Sri Sabahuddin Ahmed, B.A., was the Inspector General of Prisons during the year under review (1965). There were 3 Central Jails-Class I, 3 Central Jails-Class II, 4 District Jails, 2 Special Sub Jails, 2 Special Lock-ups, 6 District Lock-ups, 84 other Sub Jails and Lock-ups and 1 Borstal School at Dharwar.

3. *Prison Population*:—

Prisoners—as on 1st January 1965.		5,142
(Total admission during the year including 20,861 males and 740 females).	...	21,601
Number released during the year	...	21,337
Balance as on 31st December 1965	...	5,406

4. *Convicts.*—(*a*) The details of occupation of male convicts during the year under review are as follows (The figures given in brackets are for the previous year):—

(1) Government and Municipal Servants	...	105	(102)
(2) Professional persons in trade (Artisans)	....	481	(436)
(3) Persons engaged in personal service	....	40	(48)
(4) Persons engaged in agriculture	...	3,761	(2,943)
(5) Persons engaged in commerce and trade	...	275	(517)
(6) Persons engaged in Arts and Crafts	...	375	(278)
(7) Miscellaneous not classified otherwise	...	6,091	(6,301)
		11,131	

(*b*) *Occupation of female convicts*:—

Household duties	...	377

5. *Under-trial prisoners.*—Particulars in respect of the under-trial prisoners are as follows :

No. of under-trial prisoners at the beginning of the year	...	1,461
No. received during the year	...	9,975
		11,436

No. released on bail	...	3,999
No. discharged by courts	...	3,336
No. convicted	...	2,305
No. died	...	3
No. transferred	...	427
No. remaining at the close of the year	...	1,366

The daily average of under-trial prisoners confined in all the jails was, 1,452.99 during 1965 as against 1,288.49 during 1964.

5. A. *Prisoners in Sub Jails and Lock-ups* :—

Total No. of prisoners of all classes as on 1st January 1965 ...	...	1,312
Total No. of Prisoners admitted	...	35,393
		36,705
Total No. of prisoners discharged	...	35,192
Balance	....	1,513

Note.— Out of 35,393 admitted during the year 38,913 were males and 1,480 were females.

Under-trial Prisoners in Sub-Jails and Lock-ups

Total No. of prisoners of all classess as on 1st January 1965		...	979
do	admitted during 1965	....	21,283
	Total	...	22,262
do	released on bail	....	5,993
do	discharged by courts	....	2,719
do	sentenced for various terms	....	5,365
do	Transferred	....	7,109
do	escaped	....	1
Balance at the end of the year		....	1,077

6. *Escapes.*—There were 23 prisoners at large at the beginning of the year and 5 escaped during the year making a total of 28 prisoners of whom 3 were recaptured leaving a balance of 25 prisoners at the end of the year under report.

Jail Offences.— 67 major and 264 minor prison offences were committed by prisoners. Disciplinary action as per Jail Manual Rules were taken against the delinquents

8. *Convict officers.*—The average number of convicts employed as convict officers is 451. The percentage of convict officers employed did not exceed the proportion allowed.

9. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure incurred during the year was Rs. 31,84,071.86 as against Rs. 24,41,228.74 during the year 1964. The average cost of maintenance of a prisoner during the year 1965 was 616.47 as against Rs. 503.79 during 1964.

10. *Jail Industries.*—In all the Jails in the State during 1965, articles worth Rs. 25,26,874.52 were manufactured in the several Industrial sections as against Rs. 19,55,095.36 during 1964. There was an improvement in this direction due to various expansion schemes sanctioned during the year.

General

1. *Literary activities in Jails.*—Literary classes were conducted in jails, as usual, for the benefit of prisoners with the help of paid teachers as well as by literate convicts. Adult classes were also conducted with the aid of the Adult Education Scheme. The prisoners at the Central Prison, Gulbarga, were allowed to sit for the Hindi Examination.

2. The Jail libraries continued to be popular among prisoners and were replenished with books during the year 1965. Sanction was also accorded for purchase of text books to the lads at the Juvenile Jail, Dharwar.

3. *Moral Instruction in Jails.*—Lectures were given to the prisoners on basic morals and ethics. This is expected to create a wholesome influence on the minds of the prisoners. The moral lecturers were paid conveyance charges for their journey to the Jails. Yogasana classes were conducted at the Central Jail, Bangalore.

Miscellaneous

1. *Board of Non-Official Visitors.*—New Boards were constituted for the institutions where the term of the previous boards expired.

2. *Wage Earning Scheme.*—The Wage Earning Scheme worked satisfactorily at the Jails at Mysore, Bangalore, Bellary and Gulbarga

The scheme was extended to the District Jail, Shimoga.

The working of the Department on the whole continued to be satisfactory.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Mysore,

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